injury of all being invasion Thence he passed to the war witn
the Spaniard

fjth May A>« ABUSE IN DARTMOUTH

The magistrates in Emden make great complaint of an abuse committed last winter at Dartmouth At t&at time a ship of Emden, called the *Fortune,* laden with corn and bo^nd icr Rocnelle, was driven by contrary winds into Dartmouth Wherefore because of the great dearth in the county, the Council gave direction that the same should be sold with the consent of the master Hereupon the Mavor of Dartmouth sold the whole lading to certain rich men of the county by great quantities at far lower prices than corn of lite goodness did then bear, and kept a good part thereof himself, so that the poor had no relief, the buyers made an unlawful gain, and the pro-prietaries thereof were damnified to the sum of ^400

loth May THE QUEEN'S LETTERS TO THE FRENCH KING

Since the return of the ambassadors the Queen hath by Sir Thomas Edmonds, Secretary for the French tongue, lovingly and freely admonished him to remember his faith given, and to ha^e a regard to his conscience towards God and his reputation amongst men, lest he insnare himself by the counsels of corrupt and wicked men, but amongst her grave admonitions are inter-mixed these nipping checks ' If there be any sin in the world against the Holy Ghost it is ingratitude. If you get any reasonable terms at the Spaniard's hands, you may thank the English succours for it Forsake not an old fnend, for a new one will not be like him. The conscience and religion of a league and the faith of contracts are not used as nets to entrap, but only by wicked men A bundle of rods bound

together is not easily broken There is no easier way to overthrow us both than by parting and disjoining us one from the other [9]

iqtb May THE VENETIAN ARGOSY.

The matter of the Venetian argosy, named the *St Agaiba Mmstni* (that was stayed in January '97), is still in question, wkercby the Council are greatly displeased to find themselves continually importuned with the complaints of the Venetian merchants and the business delayed, and charge those concerned to protract the time no longer but to make present satisfaction.